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LATE EASTER WILL BRING MANY BRILLIANT WEDDINGS

Prospective Brides and Bridegrooms Much in Evidence in Society—No Paris or London Season and No Trip Abroad This Summer—Charitable Phase to Many of the Lenten Entertainments

WITH Lent more than half over there is a feeling of excitement and expectancy in the air, for the time has come for the making of plans for the summer, not to mention the interest in the Easter weddings. So far this year there are not quite so many weddings scheduled as there were last season, but there are enough to promise a lot of social activity, and as Easter comes late these weddings will undoubtedly be far more brilliant from a clothes point of view than the display made in years when Easter falls so early that only winter clothes are possible.

The prospective brides and bridegrooms are much in evidence. It is the fashion to give many entertainments for them and there is also the rousseau to be selected and the wedding presents to be exchanged. In these days when popularity is fashionable the number of wedding gifts is so great that there must always be duplicates. Apropos of this one of the popular brides a season or two ago was inundated with candelabra. After she had received forty odd pairs her mother, a person of executive ability, stopped at the shop from which came most of the presents and asked to have would-be donors informed that no more candelabra were required. This did make a little hard feeling for the moment and prevented as gossip said, three or four other gifts from being bestowed, but it also obviated the necessity of exchanging any more candelabra after the wedding at much less than cost value.

Summer plans require thought. Nobody who is anxious to get a million dollar gain for a summer home can be careless in the selection of a summer home. The accumulation of a large number of acquaintances is acknowledged to be a dangerous experiment, and on the other hand there is certainly no sense in going into a community and not being sociable. Consequently it is necessary to choose the community carefully.

The number of advantageous summer colonies is legion, and it would be difficult to select any one which has not among its members a few individuals whose friendship is desirable. But there is a regular routine for the summer planned by the so-called society folk. There must be for one thing the country house near New York which is not kept open all the winter for week ends is opened early in the spring and is the first step in the summer campaign.

Country places near New York have each and all different sports to make them attractive. Of course hunting and fishing are becoming more and more fashionable all the time. There is a part of the duty of every parent to see that his children are instructed in the art of horsemanship. The rising generation rides uncommonly well and is absolutely at home in the saddle, while the older people are well known in the hunting field. There is a regular hunting season in the spring, the very early spring, at which it is exceedingly smart to be seen. The first of May opens the racing season, and of course that means that society is out of town.

The war has changed the usual summer schedule very radically. The trip abroad with the opportunity of taking part in the season in Paris and London has for years been just as important as the winter season in the cities if not more so. Now that is all at an end and society is really puzzled as to how to fill the time.

The cure came fortunately occupies a few weeks and all cures are to be well attended this spring. More and more does the necessity of the cure spring and fall appeal to people who find of good living and hunting field as regards the world's goods that they have plenty of leisure, have discovered that they cannot possibly keep up to par without undergoing a cure more or less strenuous at regular intervals. The strong social element in cures on this side of the water has been health resorts, and there is much more luxurious course of life than at the cure abroad; but if the results are not altogether physical they are there all the same as results, and certainly no one can deny that they are worth while.

There must be seashore air, there must be mountain air, there must be an end of visits, there must be some formal resort of fashion to fill up the weeks that formerly were spent abroad. Every place where society congregates is credited with an extraordinary booking of would-be residents for the summer, while hotel life has been for many a long year. Hotels with cottages are receiving a lot of attention, for it is decidedly the thing to try to be exclusive when one is obliged to live at a hotel and not in one's own home. It is certainly a costly enough way of living to insure its exclusiveness.

No less than four houses are required to carry one through the summer if one is exclusive enough to prefer one's own home, and in these days when economy is the watchword four homes fashionably run call for an expenditure sufficient for the income of even that extraordinary individual known as a multimillionaire. At least one of these four houses must be conducted on the most expensive lines, so that formal entertaining can be carried on successfully. The others may be called mere camps or shooting boxes, but if the truth were told they are far more luxurious than was formerly thought possible. The porcelain tub and modern plumbing have worked a revolution in the wilderness and in rough life generally that even the chef and the French maid were



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SOCIETY'S CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY—Meeting of sewing class for the benefit of the New York Nursery and Child's Hospital, home of Mrs. Frank S. Witherbee, 4 Fifth avenue, 11 A. M.
Talk on "Successful Gardening," by Mrs. Herbert Harde, School of Applied Design, 3 P. M.
Subscription dinner dance arranged by Miss Annabella Olyphant, Sherry's.
Mrs. Henry J. W. Bucknall, 305 West Seventy-fifth street, dance for Miss Dorothy Legg Howard.
Concert under patronage of prominent women, for the benefit of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, Cosmopolitan Club, 3 P. M.
TUESDAY—Mrs. James Speyer, 1058 Fifth avenue, reception for members of the Authors' League, afternoon.
Final meeting of the Cathedral Sewing Class, home of Mrs. Richard Irvin, 961 Park avenue, 11 A. M.
Meeting of the Colonial Dames Sewing Class, home of Mrs. A. Duane Pell, 949 Fifth avenue, 11 A. M.
WEDNESDAY—International Flower Show and Tea Garden, for benefit of American Red Cross and other organizations, Grand Central Palace.
Annual meeting of the Fruit and Flower Guild, home of Mrs. James Roosevelt, 47 East Sixty-fifth street, 4 P. M.
THURSDAY—Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, 25 East Seventy-eighth street, a dinner.
Thursday Morning Sewing Class, home of Mrs. Roswell Miller, 969 Park avenue, 11 A. M.
Meeting of the Thursday Evening Dancing Class, Waldorf-Astoria, 9:30 P. M.
Peace pageant and dance for benefit of the Chelsea Neighborhood Association, Plaza.
Dance for benefit of destitute Belgian children, Cosmopolitan Club.
FRIDAY—French reading by Mme. Jeanne Roulet-Pavey, home of Mrs. Warren Delano, 39 East Thirty-sixth street, 11:30 A. M.
Sale by the Children of Loving Service, home of Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, 4 West Fifty-eighth street, 2 to 6 P. M.
Second of the dances for the benefit of the College Women's Club, Gotham.
SATURDAY—Second of the Colony Dances, Colony Club.

powerless to achieve. The Adirondack camp of fifty years ago, the shooting box and the hunting lodge of former days had but little in common with the buildings of the present day which bear their names. At the same time there must be some "roughing it" to round out the season, and the rough camp is immensely fashionable for at least a fortnight.

There is no question but that men and women must be adaptable to be successful socially. They must be able thoroughly to enjoy a season at Newport, a yachting trip, a motor trip, a hunting trip, a shooting trip, to appear at one and all thoroughly well turned out as regards clothes and always in good humor. It is said by those who know that it is really easier to attain the perennial good humor than to be properly dressed for all occasions; but the looker on it would seem as though the two were synonymous.

But with all this to be planned it is not remarkable that the last few days of Lent are anxious ones and that the season of Easter is not looked forward to with great enthusiasm by those who have to be at the helm of the household.

Mi-Careme brought with it a mild spirit of gaiety which was considerably tempered by good deeds, as practically all entertainments of the week were organized with the purpose of helping worthy institutions, at home or abroad, and it is gratifying to record that the calls for home charities were successful. Much has been done since last summer for those in far dis-

household, especially those pertaining to the kitchen.

Two other notable houses were thrown open during the week for lectures in behalf of destitute families of French soldier architects or painters. The last of the conferences at the home of Lloyd Warren, for the benefit of architects' families, was held on Friday morning, and the first of a new series for families of soldier-artists was held on Wednesday afternoon at the home of the Misses Hewitt in Lexington avenue, where once lived their distinguished grandfather, Peter Cooper. The second lecture of this series will be given at the home of Mrs. Samuel Thorne, 314 Fifth avenue, on March 14.

The coming week has not much to offer in the line of gaiety. Mrs. Fish will give another of a series of dinners on Thursday night, and there will be some subscription dances, that at the Cosmopolitan Club on Thursday night having been organized for the benefit of Belgian children. A dinner on two tables to bring together the leaders of society who have not yet been called to the Pacific coast or to Southern climes, and the nightly audiences have been decidedly interesting.

Mrs. William Salomon has lent her beautiful home, 1020 Fifth avenue, for a three day sale of lace by Countess de Hemptinne, who recently arrived here from Belgium. The Countess will have charge of the sale, the proceeds of which will be devoted to needy Belgian lace makers. Assisting her will be Misses J. Gordon Douglas, Alexander Gray, Goodhue Livingston, Spencer Eddy, Henry Ives Cobb, Jr., Golet Gallatin, Stephen H. Brown, Hamilton Fish Benjamin, P. Stuyvesant Pillot, Dudley Davis, Fuller Potter, Henry Blossom, Walter Pearson, William Prime, Ray Dennis, the Misses Angelica Schuyler Hooker, Clifton Alexander, Leonie Burrill, Olga Wiborg, Susan Fish Dresser, Beatrice Claffin, Sally Poor, Bartolucci, Schwaben and Escalanti. The sale will continue throughout Thursday.

The annual meeting of the New York city branch of the National Plant, Flower and Fruit Guild will be held at the home of Mrs. James Roosevelt, 47 East Sixty-fifth street, on Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock. The speaker will be P. C. Hays, United States Commissioner of Education. Dr. J. L. Eliot and Miss Elizabeth Bowles, Mr. Claxton will speak on the necessity and value of children's gardens which have been maintained by the guild on the grounds of the Rockefeller Institute for three years. The officers of the guild are Mrs. Levi P. Morton, Mrs. James Roosevelt, Mrs. John Wood Stewart, Miss Annie Leary, Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, Dr. E. R. L. Gould and Mrs. George E. Paul.

Several members of the Long Island contingent who are followers of outdoor life are among the patronesses of the charity dog show to be held in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory on Friday and Saturday in aid of local charities. The exhibition has received a large number of entries, and among the exhibitors are many owners of champion dogs. The patronesses include Mrs. Payne Whitney, Mrs. W. Russell Grace, Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Mrs. G. Owen Winston, Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, Mrs. Charles S. Whitman, Mrs. Rev. A. Bailey, Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, Jr., Mrs. George D. Pratt, Mrs. Herbert M. Harriman, Miss Anna Sands, the Misses Marion and Maud Kennedy and the Misses Beatrice and Gertrude de Coppet.

The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, Dr. Conrad von Dumba, will read the list of patrons for the card party arranged by Mrs. Charles S. Hurd to be given in aid of the widows and orphans of Vienna in the ballroom of the St. Regis on the afternoon of March 26. There will be tables for couples, bridge and heart and men and women may play for prizes. After cards there will be served, Mrs. Hurd will receive applications for tickets at \$1.50 each, including tea, at 210 West Seventy-second street.

Novelty is the keynote of the entertainment arranged each season by the members of auxiliary No. 19 of Stony Wood Samaritanism, and this season the organizers of the dance to be given at the Plaza on Tuesday night at that institution have made no exception. It is called the "Ball for the Mentally Unemployed" and those in charge will introduce various diversions in keeping with the title to furnish amusement. One of them will be an "intelligence office," and this will offer an opportunity for a great deal of amusement.

Miss Caroline Alden Weil, chairman of the committee, and several young girls and some of those assisting her are Mrs. John M. Thorne, Mrs. Harold Otis, Miss Mary Sturges, Miss Margaret Henderson, Miss Helen Sloan, Miss Alice Fox, Miss Agnes Fowler and Miss Mary Jones. There will be general dancing and several young men of society will assist as members of the floor committee, among them Oliver Wagstaff, W. Montague Geer, John D. Peabody, J. Berry Underhill, Jr., William Bruce Brown, G. Page Ely, Henry Waldron Williams, Bache H. Brown, Hugh Ross and Marquand Ward.

Invitations have been sent out for the Frugal Fete and Fantasia arranged by Miss Winifred Holt to be given in the ballroom of the Astor on the night of April 6 for the benefit of the New York Association for the Blind. President Wilson heads the list of patrons, and other distinguished persons acting as patrons and patronesses are ex-

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We have sold this same quality in our stock at 59c. a yard. Part wool, in large, medium, small and broken checks. Excellent wearing fabric. None C. O. D.

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Invisible shadow stripe weave. This fabric is worth much more in value. Shown in a splendid assortment of fashionable colorings, including wistaria, cadet, sand, reseda, garnet, silver, brown, navy blue and black. We have sold this fabric here as an unusual value at 64c., now at 49c., an extra value.

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Pussy Willow Taffeta, Crepe Meteor and Satin Radium.

A taffeta model has long sleeves and revers of lace, net vest finished with tiny bows of taffeta. Full skirt; natural waistline, with girde of embroidered taffeta.

Another model in taffeta has chiffon blouse with overblouse of taffeta, beautifully embroidered in gold and silver thread, finished with vestee, collar and cuffs of lace; full skirt. Girde of pleated taffeta with sash fastening in front.

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At 39c. Gowns of cambric, Empire model, with effective yoke of open embroidery. Store orders only.

At 49c. Crepon Gowns, in white slip-over model, with revers, prettily embroidered; embroidered scallop finishing the neck and sleeves.

At 59c. Dainty Gowns of pink batiste, Empire, with fine veining run with ribbon at waist, back and front, with picot edging at neck and sleeves.

Envelope Combinations at 49c.
At 49c. Envelope combinations in the popular envelope model, dainty lace yoke, ribbon run, drawers edged with lace.

New Circular Flare Petticoats, 98c.
New model, with a full circular flare, set on a deep yoke, with veining, trimmed with wide edging of Valenciennes lace.

Combinations at 49c.
Skirt or Drawers; cover is trimmed with wide insertions of dainty dotted embroidery, torchon lace edging, ribbon run at neck, lace edging on skirt.

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Beautiful collection of new models, comprising all the new flare and ruffled effects, and all the well-known fitted top models.

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In black and the new street shades, made with accordion pleating and tucked flounce, percaline underlay.

Cotton Charmeuse Petticoats, 79c.
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At 35c. Satreen Petticoats, in black and navy, with deep pleated and tucked flounce.
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